

Application No. 10/829,481

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted via facsimile filing in response to an agreement reached with the Examiner by telephone on December 13, 2005. The applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and for working with the undersigned attorney to reach a mutually acceptable resolution for this application.

Claims 6, 9, and 11 are rewritten in independent form and are now allowable. Their corresponding base independent claims 1, 7, and 10 are canceled herein without prejudice. Dependent claims 2-4, 8, and 15-16 are amended to change their dependency based on the newly independent claims. No new matter has been added. With this amendment, claims 2-4, 6, 8-9, and 11-17 are pending in the application.

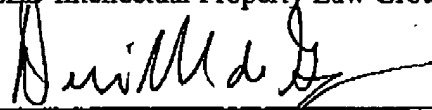
A Supplemental Declaration is being filed along with this amendment.

If there are any informalities or questions that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 622-4900. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application

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